WWI / SIOP

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(Reading Road to War (?) "7 Days in July" on WWI

WWI 'could have' 'easily' not happened.

[When a small, "possible" (moderate prob) change in timing
(hence, context, "meaning" to some
or, correction of false (not compelling)
expectation, belief, perception, understanding of others)

would probably have made a great
difference in events — at least in S-T
or, more significantly, medium-(to-long) run

[vs. "Policies are like structures")

e.g. if decision on PP — if a month had
passed, & unrest...

Once it started, other likely events triggered
going further (like 22C; renewal
(like WWII after WWI)

Certain purposes, plans, etc (structures)
make system prone to respond to triggering events
("vulnerable to..."); high conditional (contingent)
probs, Responses may depend on timing, context
(of a particular, potential trigger)

Secret, surprise FA aims at not-triggering others' readiness, which is "stable" to a feint, surprise, FA!

(Germany should not have given ultimatum to Belgium — triggered resistance, where a FA would not have.

(Goering "weaponless Hacha Resistance." ~~absent~~ of blackmail
[My form of blackmail]
(K succumbed to it;
F. MA
(Suez; Skybolt; (C-I)
SU in Berlin 1948

deterrence (chain of events
My experience with C-3)
Embarking — A-bomb; H-bomb; nuc winter

If Princip, like other 6 bomb-throwers, had failed-
War if no trigger before 1915... (surely!)

(What if = much earlier?)
System was cocked (like firing circuits and dom. pol commitments...

see Hochschild in WWI
Sidney Fay Harvard/MIT P.G. Sablogan (RJW= Rand Harley)

(Pre-STOP + ~~[illegible]~~ STOP (via Reagan Adm.)
regional effects on West Eur
+ East Eur and...

Blast alone: fire
smoke — famine (and freezing)
ozone & rept?

Nuc Winter? (Refute?
RvN)

1000 100 KT
1500
150000,000 150 MT an = how much soot

or 450,000,000 450 MT

[illegible]-Pak = 1 MT (how much smoke/soot)?

[Mis-reading of SU intentions, with
Warsaw Pact

Triggers: East Eur uprising (occurred)

|| in which East Eur forces joins in!
(not: Hungary
Poland
Czech
Berlin

(not to take West Germany, or West Europe
except as "retal. defense (of East Eur,)
or SU/
as in 1945-50!

not even Berlin — except as retal.
("too dangerous"
or NVN — dominoes (any ambitions there?!)

Now = WWI

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Pamphlet (= SAC ; NATO FO)

~~N~~ Triggers: from
NK / China
Berlin
East Eur
C-II
Turkey

China wars
(into Taiwan (SO)
Cent
Indochina
(SO)
to warn us.
China
(FO)

Yet: no triggers may occur
(may be deterred!)
or, timing / context may ~~dete~~
preclude response (or, [illegible])

(K would
take Berlin;
Tyler II
warned
(+ see [illegible])

VN
C-II

— Fear ~~of~~ of will, of civs:
(they don't understand need for
preemption, full mob.
"Better now than later."
(France, Russia (Germany?) (UK?)

TG;
[illegible]

"Pressure mounted" (all sides; see Proud Tower
[illegible] [illegible]

WWI
Different: fragile, shifting alliances
+ degrees of commitment, terms
Hence, timing important

smart
Crazy strategies, plans: contingent attacks

(Yet — all (?) knew Germany would go through Belgium

In C-II, both JFK & K were deterred, by nuc war

Neither was, enough,

or soon enough

to refrain from actions that prolonged and increased the risk!

Why did JFK invoke Type II, in warning K?

(and so did K? Both "committed" themselves — in ignorance — to manipulable threats